THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demands of primary teachers

†2147. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demands for which primary teachers across the country are stagging dharna against Government;

(b) Government's view with regard to entrusting school management committee with the responsibility of education of children among these demands;

(c) the details of action taken by Government under Fundamental Right to Education Act, 2006; and

(d) the measures Government would take to address the problems of primary teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Some Teacher Associations/Federations have submitted representations on various issues relating, *inter alia*, to the provisions of the draft Model Right to Education Bill, 2006.

In pursuance of Article 21A of the Constitution which seeks to make education a fundamental right for children in the age group of 6-14 years, a draft Model Right to Education Bill, 2006 has been formulated.

The draft Model Right to Education Bill, 2006, contains, *inter alia*, provisions relating to the role and functions of the School Management Committee (SMC) namely that it shall :

(i) monitor and oversee the working of the school, and plan and facilitate its development;

(ii) manage the assets of the school;

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(iii) ensure that teachers of the school diligently perform the duties prescribed for them;

(iv) disburse salary to teachers from the grants received for the purpose from the appropriate Government/local authority, and to deduct payment of salary for the period of unauthorized absence, if any, in such manner as decided by the SMC;

(v) utilize other grants received from the appropriate government, local authority or any other source for the upkeep and development of the school, in accordance with the terms of such grant and the rules made in that behalf; and

(vi) such other functions as may be prescribed.

The objective of involving the School Management Committee is to facilitate community ownership and active involvement of parents and representatives of local authority in the functioning of the school in order to achieve the goal of universalization of elementary education.

The Model Right to Education Bill has not yet been finalized as the draft Bill has been circulated to the States/UTs with a view to seek their comments thereon.

Expenditure under SSA in Bihar

†2148 SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Bihar has spent 60 per cent of total available amount and only 33 per cent of allocated amount during the current year under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in other States is different as compared to Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) An amount of Rs. 1077.44 crores has been released by Government of India to Bihar under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme during the current financial

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